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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING
DYNAMIC MANAGEMENT IN AN HFS
(HIERARCHICAL FILE SYSTEM DF/SMS)

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Technology Center 2100**PATENT OWNER'S STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the order granting a *ex parte* re-examination mailed November 30, 2004, the patent owner wishes to make the following statements. Applicants' submit that the claims distinguish over the unconsidered references forming the grounds for the re-examination based on the following remarks.